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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 28283

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TAGS: PFOR, FR, IT

SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT FOR ITALY

REF: PARIS 27039

1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL
STAFF SOURCE INFORMALLY WHAT GISCARD AND LECANUET HAD
MEANT BY THEIR REFERENCES TO "SUPPORT" FRANCE IS
WILLING TO PROVIDE ITALY (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).

2. ELYSEE STAFFER REPLIED THAT NO BILATERAL FRENCH
ECONOMIC EFFORT WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ITALY. GOF
WOULD OF COURSE PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ANY EC-9 ECONOMIC
INITIATIVE TO HELP STABILIZE ITALIAN SITUATION. FOR
PRESENT, HOWEVER, ELYSEE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS
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IDEA WAS NOT PROGRESSING TOO QUICKLY IN BRUSSELS AND

THAT THE ITALIAN ECONOMY WAS, IN ANY CASE, NOT IN
IMMEDIATE NEED OF HELP. GISCARD'S AND LECANUET'S
PUBLIC STATEMENTS UNDERLINING FRENCH "SUPPORT" WERE
INTENDED PRIMARILY THEREFORE TO GIVE ANDREOTTI
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST.
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